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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 3763

ROMULUS KIMBRO BRAZZELL

Examiner: Theodore J. Stigell

APPLICATION NO: 09/814,572

FILED: MARCH 22, 2001

FOR: METHOD FOR TREATING NEOVASCULARIZATION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of January 11, 2006 in the above-identified application has a shortened statutory time set to expire on April 11, 2006. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The response to said Office Action is a continuation application of the above-identified application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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Respectfully submitted,

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